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Corrections News

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Stark Chosen as Department February Employee of the Month

Wilma Stark has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for February 2007. Stark is employed as a Corrections Officer I at South Central Correctional Center (SCCC) in Licking. While officers were conducting a housing unit search last year, Stark was assigned to pat search offenders while they were leaving for medical appointments.

“You noticed one offender who had taken something out of his pocket and put it in his mouth,” Corrections Department Director Larry Crawford wrote in a letter to Stark. “When he began resisting the search you called for assistance and the offender was placed on Dry Cell where he did spit out three large balloons. The unknown substance they contained tested positive for black tar heroin valued at ten to twelve thousand dollars.”

Crawford said Stark’s quick response prevented a large quantity of drugs from entering SCCC, and that her attention to detail and commitment to safety and security have been a valuable contribution.

Stark has been employed with the Department of Corrections for three years and lives in Summersville.

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